BOSTON INDUSTRIAL HOME

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Twenty-Eighth Annual Report

OF THE

Boston Industrial Home

(Incorporated)

CORNER DAVIS STREET AND HARRISON AVENUE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1905

This Report contains a series of seven illustrations showing the process of the work from the time a man enters the Home until he departs.

The Boston Industrial Home

(1906)

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To the Friends of Humanity

It is reported that it requires $107 to-day to buy what $100 would have purchased a year ago. This is a condition that makes hard times, in spite of surrounding plenty, for institutions dependent on their endowments to conduct their work. Those who are prosperous should show liberality.—Boston Herald, April 17, 1906.

With the natural growth of the city, and the increasing demands made upon the Boston Industrial Home by those who have lost their way in the world, a larger list of regular contributors is absolutely essential.

Contributions toward the new building which we have in prospect, or for general expenses, will be deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

We need bequests for the creation of a permanent fund. May we not ask to be remembered by those who are arranging for the final disposition of their earthly holdings?

REV. H. A. COOKE, D.D. GEO. W. FOWLE, *Vice-Pres* REV. WM. BRADLEY.

Our Work Illustrated by Stereopticon

Mr. Oliver C. Elliot, Superintendent of the Boston Industrial Home, delivered his illustrated lecture at Berkeley Temple last evening. The audience was large, and intensely interested in his comprehensive, entertaining and instructive method of presenting the most practical philanthropic movement in Boston. The work of the Davis Street Home should have a large hearing, and it seems to me that Mr. Elliot has the proper method of presenting it to the public.

ALLEN A. STOCKDALE,
Pastor of Berkeley Temple.

Boston, January 24, 1906.

Mr. Oliver C. Elliot has delivered his illustrated lecture on the work of the Boston Industrial Home at the Clarendon Street Baptist Church. The audience was intensely interested in the history and usefulness of this remarkable mission. The practical character of the work and the sane methods employed should appeal to everyone who desires to help without pauperizing his unfortunate brother. Mr. Elliot should have many demands for his valuable lecture.

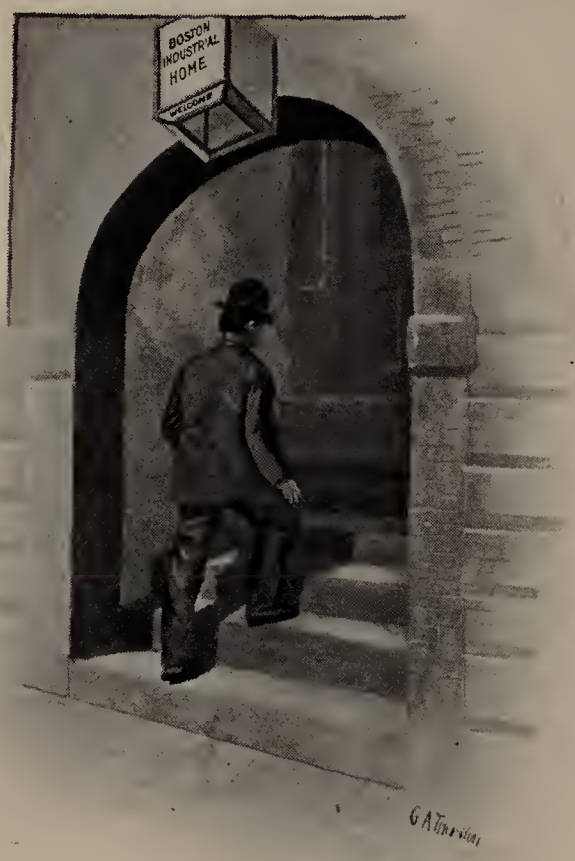
S. C. OHRUM,
Pastor Clarendon Street Church.

Boston, March 15, 1906.

OLIVER C. ELLIOT, *Supt.*

President's Address

Permit me to extend to you my heartfelt thanks for consideration and kindness shown me in the year past, to extend a cordial welcome to you on this occasion and to request you to join me in thanksgiving to Him who rules over the affairs of men in preserving our ranks unbroken and in usual health during the year now closed.



"A SHELTER IN THE TIME OF STORM."

We are again brought together under favorable conditions, on the twenty-eighth annual meeting, to hear reports of the Treasurer, Superintendent and officers of the Home, and to devise plans for prosecuting the work of our voluntary choosing for the year upon which we have already entered.

The work of the past year has brought forth encouraging and satisfactory results, morally, religious and reformatory for the Home. Every needy and worthy applicant has found shelter, care and comfort suited to his case within its walls, including medicine and medical treat-

ment, and in increased numbers over those thus cared for in the previous year; and yet, including the additional demand, the Home has been practically self-supporting, which speaks well for its management.

Not only have the physical needs of the inmates been provided, but their moral and spiritual wants have been supplied, and it is proper here to state that all have been benefited, and some have been led, as we trust, into the walks of a higher and better life, and give promise of being restored to the higher plane among men and women through the agencies maintained at and by the Home.

SUPPLYING THE NEEDS OF THE BODY.

As in the preceding year, concord and harmony of action have prevailed in the Directors' meetings, among the officers with the Superintendent, and between the latter and other employees at the Home, and in the history of the Institution it has never been in better condition for the prosecution and maintenance of its work.

I take especial pleasure in commending the Superintendent, and all in authority under him, for the manner in which he and they have performed their duty in the past year and contributed towards making it one of financial success. "The laborer is worthy of his hire," and service

well performed is honorable in any station in life and worthy of commendation from the employer.

Without intending to detract in any manner from what has already been said in this report relative to the character, benefit and nature of the work, I feel that I should be remiss in duty were I to omit calling your attention, and the attention of the public, to the fact that we need a new and modern building, planned, erected and equipped especially for the necessities of our work. It is known to you that the buildings of which the Home is now comprised were dwelling houses of moderate size altered and changed over into its present condition, as a makeshift, and is now and has been but poorly adapted for the purposes for which it is used. The need of a new building covering more ground for storage of wood and coal, from which are derived the means of self-support, is recognized by all familiar with the old one and the work there prosecuted. And yet, in my judgment, it would be better to struggle on under disadvantages than it would to incur a heavy debt in reconstruction.

BECOMING SELF-SUPPORTING.

But if the needs of the Home were brought to the notice of persons charitably inclined, to those having means to distribute who are about to make their wills, and

to those who draw such wills, from whom the testators would be glad of suggestions, the Home would doubtless be remembered and in a few years secure a sufficient sum for rebuilding and enlarging the present quarters. It is to be hoped that each member of the corporation will keep the matter in mind and use his influence for that end.

AFTER THE BATH.

The Home is solely for the benefit of the poor, needy and unfortunate, and although placed in the hands of its managers as a trust, it is the work of the public, to whom we make this appeal; and in the name of the Master, whose servants we are, who gave Himself for suffering humanity, we urgently proclaim the needs and await the response.

R. G. F. Candage.

January 30, 1906.

Superintendent's Report

The passing of another year calls us together to review the work of the Boston Industrial Home, which stands upon the threshold of its twenty-ninth year of usefulness in the service of ministering to the immediate necessities of unfortunate people. In a city world famed for its abundance and diversity of philanthropic effort, its numerous institutions for the relief of distress, this Home stands proudly as the pioneer of practical applied Christianity, the first organized effort to provide a home for unfortunate, unemployed men by making employment the basis of relief.

A FULL SURRENDER.

The perplexing problem to-day, and ever has been, is "How to deal with the unemployed."

The Massachusetts Legislature has enacted laws looking to the extermination of the tramp. The local Police and Health Boards have endeavored to enforce those laws, which in substance are, first, that they shall be clean; second, that they shall work; and third, that the places

they frequent shall be wholesome and conform to certain rules and regulations. But in spite of legislation, organization and systematized effort, tramps still exist, and are destined to remain as a perpetual menace to this and every other large metropolitan center. This condition of things is made possible largely through imprudent benevolence on the part of our well meaning citizens. The sandwich at the back door, the nickel towards a night's lodging, and the ticket for a three-cent meal, for which there is no adequate return, appear at the moment to alleviate suffering and satisfy the need, but in reality creates, fosters and perpetuates indolence, filth, moral depravity and crime.

"OTHER REFUGE HAVE I NONE."

In 1873, Rev. William Bradley, who is with us to-night, and is one of the only two living original incorporators of the Home, looked down through the vista of time and saw that the only permanent remedy for this evil was an institution where those in need of shelter and food could work for it and thus become self-supporting. For twenty-eight years the Home has justified the opinion of Mr. Bradley and solved the problem of dealing with unemployed, homeless men. Hundreds, yes, thousands of the men who are adrift in our city are starving, not so much for the necessities of life, but for an opportunity to start again. Our Institution is that opportunity, and who can estimate the

amount of good that has been accomplished? The dismantled vessel that has drifted in from the violence of wind and storm is soon repaired, strengthened and equipped for future service under the skilled hands of the ship's mechanics; and so the poor prodigal, driven before the biting winds of exposure and adversity, foot-sore, bruised and weary, finds here the balm for his healing, strength for his weakness, and the foundation upon which he can rise to the place which his Heavenly Father designed him to fill.

THE DEPARTURE.
THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE HOME.

The year 1905 is but another chapter to be added to the Home's eventful history along this special line of work. The chronicled statistics will show that several thousands more were sheltered in 1905 than in any other previous year, thus demonstrating the increasing demands made upon us, and the consequent need of renewed co-operation and support on the part of the philanthropic public. With this end in view we have prepared a unique lecture on the work, illustrated profusely with pictures, which gives an interesting definition of the methods applied in helping unfortunate, unemployed men to become self-supporting.

A BATHROOM

The amount of business done in coal last year . .	$28,290 37
" " " wood " . .	7,159 17
Cash received from beds	4,059 17
" " " meals	636 30
Cash donations	227 00

BEDS

Number of beds furnished to men, employees . .	7,440
" " " " transients . .	22,795
Number of beds furnished to women, employees .	1,160
" " " " transients .	8,888
Total number of beds furnished to men and women .	40,283

MEALS

Number of meals furnished to men, employees . .	22,665
" " " " transients . .	12,274
Number of meals furnished to women, employees .	3,221
" " " " transients .	4,290
Total number of meals furnished to men and women	42,450

DAYS' WORK

Number of days' work supplied to men . . .	12,061
" " " women . . .	1,371
Total days' work supplied to men and women . .	13,432

BATHS

Number of free baths to men	5,240
" " women	1,086
Total baths to men and women	6,326
Number of garments cleansed by sterilizing process .	1,041

RELIGIOUS WORK

One hundred and sixty religious services were held in the chapel. Attendance at these services is purely voluntary on the part of the inmates, and rarely, if ever, have we held a religious meeting without witnessing manifestations on the part of some to accept Christ's finished redemptive

READING ROOM

work, and who remained to the after meeting as an earnest of their real desire for spiritual things. The tender sprout of reformation is too often chilled by the breath of suspicion and distrust, but here it is nurtured and fed until it matures to substantial growth of manhood and womanhood. Intemperance, of course, is the great destroyer which has laid waste all the possibilities and opportunities of many who seek the ministrations of this Home. I will not attempt to portray its evils as we see it day by day. Nevertheless, with all its subtle influence and apparent absolute dominion, it is frequently our privilege to see marvelous transformations take place as the wonder working power of the Holy Spirit operates upon the hearts of the victims of intemperance.

During the year 245 men were sent to positions outside the Home, many of whom we have heard good reports from, while quite a number attend our meetings, though living elsewhere, as a testimony of their appreciation for what we have been able to do for them. There are many discouraging features in the work at times. You see a man start in the right direction and maintain the position he has taken until you feel certain that he is permanently established, when suddenly he falls a prey to the old enemy and your hopes are shattered; but we are constantly meeting former inmates who are still true to the obligations taken at our altar, which, together with the unmistakable signs of sincerity which are seen every day among our people, is a sufficient stimulus for greater effort in behalf of those to whom we are called to minister.

ENTERTAINMENTS, ETC.

Entertainments of a vocal and instrumental character are furnished twice a month through the kindness of Mr.

A DORMITORY

George N. Faught, who for several years has taken a deep interest in our work.

Thanksgiving day was observed as usual. About three hundred persons were sumptuously fed on that day with a turkey dinner provided through the generosity of the hotel proprietors and merchant friends of the Institution.

On Christmas day each inmate was remembered with a useful gift, provided through a special fund which was raised for that purpose. The New England Conservatory of Music and Emerson's College of Oratory furnished the talent for the Thanksgiving and Christmas entertainments.

DISPENSARY

The medical department has been maintained as usual with excellent results. Dr. Boyd, our visiting physician, has promptly responded to our calls, and our sick have received splendid care at his hands.

At this point I would like to offer a page from the register, showing the character, qualifications, religions, etc., of those who were sheltered one night last December.

MEN

Total number 85, of which 40 were Catholic, 39 Protestant, 6 Hebrew.

Nationality: Americans 46, English 5, Scotch 10, Irish 16, Canadians 3, German 1, Austrian 1, Swiss 1, Russian 1, Portuguese 1.

Occupations: Artist's Model, Barber, Janitor, Professor of Music, Carpet Weaver, Clerk, Cook, Waiter, Plumber, Stock Broker, Mason, Fireman, Seaman, Engineer, Meat Cutter, Jeweler, Brass Finisher, Pressman, Blacksmith, Iron Moulder, Steward, Roofer, Wood Turner, Brakeman, Plasterer, Paper Hanger, Painter, Stableman, Horse Trainer, Insurance Agent, Clock Maker, Electrician, Bartender, Porter, Hospital Steward, Lather, and a Tailor.

36 were married, and 49 single. Average age 35 years.

THE WOOD YARD

WOMEN

Total 30, Catholic 18, Protestant 12.

Nationalities: Americans 9, English 3, Scotch 5, Irish 10, Swede 1, Canadian 1, Norwegian 1.

Occupations: Waitress, Dishwasher, Shoe Stitcher, Chambermaid, Cook, Laundress, Saleslady, Nurse, Pantry Maid, Cotton Weaver, Scrubwoman, Housemaid.

Married 17, Single 13. Average age 39 years.

It is our aim and purpose to make every inmate self-supporting, but there must of necessity be an exception to every rule. Convalescent, disabled and otherwise ineligible cases are frequently sent us by individuals and societies interested in humanity but unable to help such cases. Very often, and I might say invariably, such cases come to us either late at night or Saturday night, when no other provision can be made for them but to care for them over night and provide for them gratuitously until they can be admitted to the city or state institutions. For this special work seventy-five lodgings and two hundred and fifty meals were provided last year.

In conclusion, I desire to express my profound thanks to the Directors for their uniform kindness and consideration and for the confidence they have reposed in me and those associated with me in the work. I also wish to acknowledge with a deep sense of appreciation the untiring energy and faithful service of the Matron, Mrs. A. E. Wright, Mr. D. J. Hayes and the heads of the various departments of the work, to whose co-operation, together with the guidance and sustaining grace of our Heavenly Father, must be ascribed whatever success the Home has achieved the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVER C. ELLIOT,

Superintendent.

January 30, 1906.

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT THE HOME.

Visiting Committee

(1906)

MAY

Lyman B. Brooks. Charles D. Bagnall.

JUNE

Rev. Arthur H. Gordon. Rev. George L. Perin.

JULY

Rev. S. S. Searing. George W. Coleman.

AUGUST

George W. Fowle. John H. Colby.

SEPTEMBER

Freeman O. Emerson. George H. Hibbard.

OCTOBER

Charles H. Stearns. Rev. Samuel Lane Loomis.

NOVEMBER

Rev. Herbert A. Barker. O. M. Wentworth.

DECEMBER

James M. Douglass. Arthur W. Sawyer.

(1907)

JANUARY

R. G. F. Candage. Charles W. Perkins.

FEBRUARY

Leander Beal. Charles R. Darling.

MARCH

Dr. Robert W. Hastings. Abram P. Downs.

APRIL

Rev. William Bradley. L. H. Rhodes.

Dr. Report of Receipts and Expenditures of the Boston Industrial Home for Year 1905 Cr.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1905	$1,860 09	Paid for Coal	$23,839 47
Cash from Sale of Coal and Wood	35,498 16	" " Wood	3,198 16
" " Persons aided	4,734 05	" " Provisions and Supplies	3,535 78
" " Donations	227 00	" " Repairs and Improvements	490 93
" " Interest on Investments	225 00	" " Stable Supplies	2,218 07
" " " " Deposits	33 90	" " Salaries Supt. and Officers	2,670 00
		" " Labor, Employees and Transients	3,988 83
		" " Telephone Service	208 52
		" " Gas and Electric Light	349 77
		" " Water Tax	253 10
		" " Insurance	15 90
		" " Medical Expense	76 34
		" " Printing and Stationery	252 30
		Balance Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1906	1,481 03
	$42,578 20		$42,578 20

We have examined the accounts of the Boston Industrial Home and find the same correctly cast and the proper vouchers on file.

LYMAN B. BROOKS,
CHARLES H. STEARNS,
FREEMAN O. EMERSON,
Auditing Committee.

Cash Donations

(1905)

Brown, S. N.	$26 00
Bartlett, Stephen	5 00
Coolidge, John T.	50 00
Duncan, Mrs. S. M. F.	3 00
Emerson, D. R. Co.	2 00
Fay, S. M.	10 00
Green, Mrs. Stephen	1 00
Hooper, Mrs. R. C.	10 00
Johnson, Rev. H. S.	10 00
Metropolitan Coal Co.	50 00
Peters, F. A.	10 00
Stearns, C. H.	10 00
Sears, Mrs. F. R.	5 00
Woods, Mrs. Henry	10 00
Wood, Frank	25 00

Donations of Merchandise

(1905)

American House	1 cooked turkey
Bruns, F. H.	coffee
Bere, F.	50 loaves bread
Boston Coal Co.	2 turkeys
Brunswick Hotel	1 cooked turkey
Bellevue Hotel	1 cooked turkey
Chase & Sanborn	coffee
Clark's Hotel	2 cooked turkeys
Crawford House	1 turkey
Dwinell-Wright Co.	coffee
Doane, A. P.	1 turkey
Fowle, Hibbard & Co.	1 bag beans
French, Mitchell & Woodbury	112 pieces crockery
Hall, M. L. & Co. (Mr. Flanders),	tea and coffee

Ivers & Pond	1 piano stool
Johnson, H. A. & Co.	1 tub cranberry jelly
Kenneson, E. S.	1 turkey
Hotel Lenox	1 cooked turkey
Lowell Bros. & Bailey	2 bushels potatoes
McLaughlin, W. T. & Co.	2 turkeys
Murphy, C. J.	1 turkey
Needlework Guild of America	36 pieces
Nash & Hopkins	tea
Oriental Tea Co.	15 gallons coffee
Oakdale Manufacturing Co.	30 lbs. butter
Parker House	3 doz. pies
Richardson. Francis	clothing and reading matter
Revere House	1 cooked turkey
Rhodes Bros.	5 turkeys
Schmitt, C. A.	office supplies
Shepard–Norwell Co.	4 pairs blankets, 40 yds. crash
Shepard–Norwell Co.	1 large door mat
Swaine–Earle & Co.	coffee
Stickney & Poor	box mustard
Hotel Vendome	2 cooked turkeys
Wood, Thomas & Co.	coffee
Woodcock Hotel	2 turkeys
White, Walter I.	1 turkey
Winslow, Rand & Watson	tea

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath to the Boston Industrial Home the sum of.....dollars, for the purposes for which the institution was established; which is, to furnish a temporary home, with its comforts, to those destitute of friends, money, and out of employment; also, the reformation of the intemperate, etc.

NOTICE

CAST-OFF CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS SHOES, ETC., WHICH ARE VERY MUCH NEEDED, WILL BE CALLED FOR IF NOTIFIED . . . . . .

WOOD

BEST DRY HARD AND SOFT WOOD
Any Length

HARD AND PINE KINDLING

BOILER AND GRATE [illegible]

COAL

STOVE, FURNACE, EGG, NUT, BLACK
SHAMOKIN, AND CUMBERLAND

[illegible]

[illegible]

Every Order Receives the [illegible]